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PATENT Customer Number 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 4121.0165-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ronda M. Allen et al.) Group Art Unit: 1652
Serial No.: 09/648,641	Examiner: R. Hutson
Filed: August 25, 2000	RECEIVED
For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING DNA POLYMERASES	JUN 2 7 2002 TECH CENTER 1600/2900
Assistant Commissioner for Patents	

Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001. The period for reply has been extended three months by the Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I, claims 1 to 19;

Group II, claims 20 to 22;

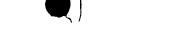
Group III, claims 20, 21, and 23; and

Group IV, claims 24-26.

Applicants elect Group 1, claims 1-19, without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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